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1. The following warships were seen in the harbor of Galati between March 1949 and January 1950:

- a. Destroyer Marasesti, which was apparently not in need of repair. The crew of the destroyer were on board. Members of the crew stated the Soviets had removed the breech mechanism of the guns and also sealed the guns and machine guns. (1)
- b. Gunboat Dunarea, whose crew was on board. Bomb damage sustained by the ship during the war was being repaired. (2)
- c. Submarine Melfinul, which was probably out of commission, as she was unmanned and disarmed. (3)
- d. Tug Commandor Paun, which was probably also out of commission. (4)

2. During the same period the following vessels of the Rumanian Navy were lying at anchor off the town district of Geamia in front of Strada Constandache, Galati:

- a. Five PT boats, including the Closca, Crisan and two others whose names could not be verified. All the five boats had their crews on board and were in commission. Each boat mounted one 20-mm gun and machine guns. (5)
- b. Ten to fifteen unarmed motor launches. They were used for patrols on the Danube River and as supply and mail vessels.

25X1 3. In the summer of 1949 [REDACTED] a group of 20 Soviet warships steaming at full speed up the Danube at the point where the Chilia arm branches off. This group of warships consisted of four destroyers, ten gunboats and six PT boats. The vessels appeared to be new. No further information could be obtained about this group of ships. The group was not sighted on the upper stretch of the river. The Soviet squadron may have anchored in one of the numerous large and deep arms of the Danube River south of Braila. No other Soviet warships were seen on the Danube River up to January 1950.

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Traffic of sea-going ships in the harbor of Galati has dropped considerably in comparison with the prewar period. There are practically no imports any longer. As a rule only sawn timber is exported.

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(6) The average loading time of the ships was about two weeks. Crew members of foreign ships were not allowed to go ashore in Galati. During the time of observation no Soviet ships entered the harbor of Galati. Neither Soviet deliveries to Rumania nor Rumanian exports to the Soviet Union took place via this port.

5. If the Rumanian mineral oil deliveries do not go directly to the Soviet Union through the Floesti-Galati-Reni pipe line, the oil at the port of Giurgiu is pumped into Rumanian tank barges which then proceed down the Danube River to the U.S.S.R. In Galati an average of about 20 tank vessels of this kind could be observed passing every day. This means a daily transport capacity of 12,000 to 15,000 tons of mineral oil.

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6. About 40 Soviet tugs were trading on the stretch between Reni and Vienna. the Leningrad, formerly an Austrian vessel, the Ismail, formerly the Rumanian tug Basarab, and the Stalingrad, the former Rumanian tug Traian. There is daily service by passenger steamer Borcea on the steamship line Braila-Galati. This ship, a paddle steamer, was thoroughly overhauled and reconditioned in 1948 and 1949. The steamship line Braila-Galati-Sulina is served by the Rumanian passenger steamer Tulcea. The ship can carry 800 passengers. The schedule of the ship is:

Downstream passage

Braila	dep. 7:00 a.m.
Galati	arr. 8:10 a.m.
Isaccea	arr. 11:15 a.m.
Tulcea	arr. 2:00 p.m.
Sulina	arr. 5:30 p.m.

Upstream passage

Sulina	dep. 5:00 a.m.
Tulcea	arr. 11:40 a.m.
Isaccea	arr. 2:25 p.m.
Galati	arr. 5:50 p.m.
Braila	arr. 7:30 p.m.

Comments.

- (1) According to another report, the destroyer Varasesti was surrendered to the Soviets. The vessel mentioned in the present report is presumably destroyer Varasti which was left to the Rumanians.
- (2) Gunboat Dunarea is probably a vessel of the Ion C. Bratianu Class.
- (3) As was previously reported, the submarine Delfinul was returned by the Soviets without machinery and internal equipment. The boat has probably only scrap value now. It is unknown to what extent submarine Varsoinul is still serviceable. The boat had not been reported on previously.
- (4) Capitan-Commandor Paun is an armed paddle-steamer carrying one 37-mm gun and two machine guns. Its speed is 12 knots. It is probable that this ship has been put out of commission as she is obsolete. She was built in 1903.
- (5) These were probably former German PT boats.

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